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RAC No. 005/63

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**CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
Office of Current Intelligence
18 February 1963**

DAILY REPORT

SUBJECT: US Reconnaissance Activity over Cuba

1. Today's Schedule (18 February)

- a. Missions: BRASS KNOB 3429, off at 0457 EST;
BRASS KNOB 3431, off at 0557 EST.
- b. Purpose : 3429 will cover targets in eastern
Cuba; 3431 will cover targets in
central Cuba.
- c. Weather : Light cloud cover over the eastern
half of the island and light to
heavy cloud cover over the western
portion. Little change is expected
tomorrow.
- d. IPIR due: 20 February 1963

2. Weekend Activity (16 and 17 February)

- a. Missions
flown : 16 February - BRASS KNOB 3426 -
Pilot estimates only 15% coverage
because of cloud cover.

17 February - BRASS KNOB 3427 and
3428 - Pilots estimate 50% and
20% coverage, respectively.
- b. IPIRs due: BRASS KNOB 3426 - 18 February
BRASS KNOBS 3427 and 3428 - 19 Feb-
ruary.

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- c. Reaction: No significant air defense reaction to the flights was noted.

3. Shipping Summary

- a. Soviet Bloc ships confirmed en route to Cuba 1600 EST 17 February:

Tankers	5
Passenger	3
Dry Cargo	12
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Total	20

- b. Soviet Bloc ships in Cuban ports 1600 EST 17 February:

Tankers	5
Passenger	0
Dry Cargo	28
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Total	33

- c. Dry cargo ships now in Cuban ports which were photographed while inbound to Cuba by low-altitude or surface cameras: 25

- d. Of the 25 dry cargo ships photographed inbound to Cuba, CIA has received photos of 17 of these ships.

- e. Items of special interest:

The Kirug Vishnevsky, with a probably military cargo, was nearing Gibraltar on 16 February. Its destination almost certainly is Cuba. If so, it probably will arrive about 25 February.

The Soviet passenger ship Gruzia, which declared for Cuba with general cargo and no passengers, is in the Atlantic about 7 days out from Cuba. No new information has been received regarding the ship's cargo.

Another passenger ship, the Admiral Nakhimov, left the Black Sea on 15 February declaring for Cuba with flour and no passengers. The ship's normal capacity is about 1,200 passengers. It has frequently gone to Cuba, but during the buildup last summer did not appear to have carried troops. It returned a large number of Soviet military personnel and dependents to the USSR in December.

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BRASS KNOB COVERAGE OF COMOR HIGHEST PRIORITY TARGETS IN CUBA

During 10-16 February 1963

Targets	Dates							Totals	
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	Sorties	Days Covered
1. Siguanea Cruise Missile Site								0	0
2. Banes Cruise Missile Site	1	1		1				3	3
3. Santa Cruz del Norte Cruise Site	1	1						2	2
4. Camilo Cienfuegos Airfield	1	1						2	2
5. Camaguey Airfield		1						1	1
6. Holguin Airfield	1	1						2	2
7. San Antonio de los Banos Airfield	1	1						2	2
8. Mariel Naval Base	1	1	1					3	3
9. Banes Naval Base	1	1		1				3	3
10. Cienfuegos Naval Base		1	1					2	2
11. Santiago de Cuba Port	1		1					1	1
12. La Isabella Port	1	2	1					4	3
13. Caibarien Port	1	1	1					3	3
14. Cardenas Port		1	2			1		4	3
15. Casilda Port			1			1		2	2
16. Matanzas Port	1	1	1					3	3
17. Havana Port	1	1						2	2
18. Guantanamo Area	1	1						2	2
19. Pinar del Rio Military Camp		1						1	1
20. Artemisa Military Camp	1	1						2	2
21. Holguin Military Camp	1	1						2	2
22. Remedios Military Camp	1	1						2	2
23. Santiago de los Vegas Military Camp	1	1						2	2
24. Lourdes (Torrens) Army Camp	1	1						2	2
25. Limonar Military Camp	1	1	1					3	3
26. Camaguey Military Camp					1	1		2	2
27. Mayari Arriba U/I	1							1	1
28. Managua Staging Area	1	1						2	2
29. Bejucal Staging Area	1	1						2	2
30. Manicaragua Staging Area		1						1	1

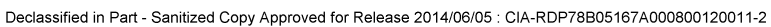
During the period 10-16 February 1963, 57 percent of the total land area of Cuba was covered by photography with 25 percent or less cloud cover. This included oblique photography up to 35 miles on either side of the flight line.

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